



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 30 – May 6, 2015

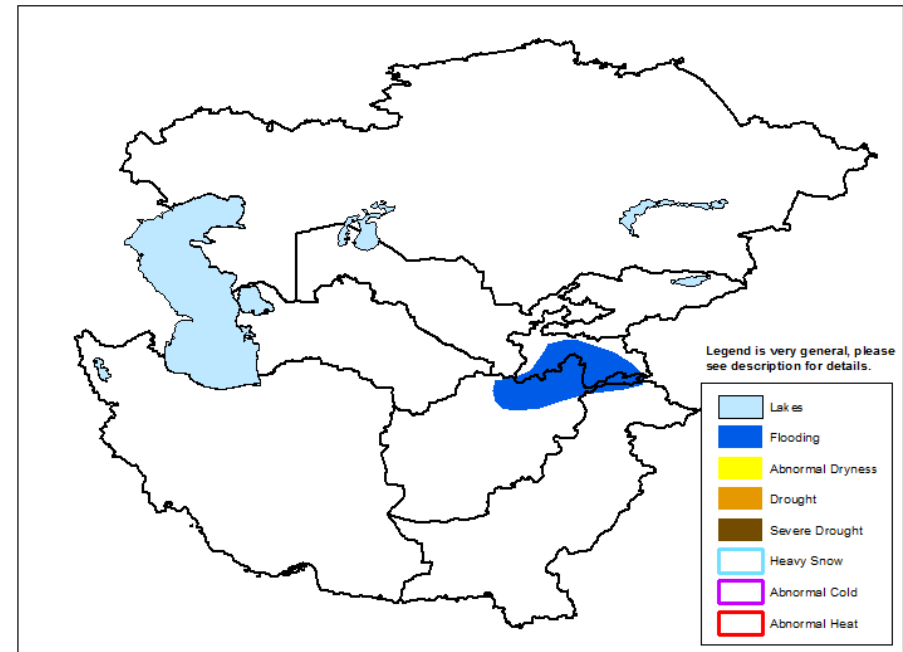
Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures prevailed across Central Asia from April 19 to 25 with the largest positive anomalies (more than 7 degrees C) across northeast Kazakhstan. Maximum temperatures warmed into the lower 30s (degrees C) as far north as northeast Kazakhstan with maximum temperatures near 40 degrees C across Turkmenistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures are likely to continue. Maximum temperatures are forecast to range from the middle to upper 20s (degrees C) across northern Kazakhstan to around 40 (degrees C) across Turkmenistan and southwest Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Widespread light to moderate rain (2 to 30) fell across north-central Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan. Snow was likely limited to the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates drier weather with scattered showers across the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

The flooding polygon posted for parts of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan is based on expected snow melt of a large snow pack coupled with rainfall across these areas.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.